

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary  
March 22, 2017

*In attendance:* Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; CEO – Bob Temple; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public – Kit Lascoutx, Mildred Melgard, Priscilla Packard, Cynthia Rosen, Pat Medeika, Traci Hoffman

Wesley Daniel called the weekly Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Tom Johnston moved to accept the summary from 03/15/2017 as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Cynthia Rosen requested a correction, to change the residential bills to 4 and commercial bills to 3.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$4,704.05/payroll, \$149,491.88/vender (includes school payment), Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report – 3/12 – 3/18: 13<sup>th</sup> - got trucks ready for the storm (greased, fueled up, topped off the skid tank, mixed sand and salt) 8 hours; 14<sup>th</sup> - plowed and sanded, fueled up and had the 4<sup>th</sup> truck driver in 14 hours; 15<sup>th</sup> - plowed and sanded, fueled up in between with the 4<sup>th</sup> truck driver 12 hours; 16<sup>th</sup> - plowed and sanded, had 4<sup>th</sup> truck driver in 7 hours. Copies of the time cards are attached to the report. Tom Johnston stated that general labor didn't go in until 10 on Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup>) due to the pending storm so they went in as late as they could. They did work around the clock stretch on that storm. Wesley Daniel stated that on Sunday one of the crew was called out to plow a road for ambulance assist and was called back because they used a snowmobile to bring the person out. He said he would not put that on is time card. Tom Johnston moved to accept the Public Works Report, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

CEO Report – Bob Temple stated the Planning Board met last night and approved the subdivision on Mountain Road, waiting for a couple of submissions. Kit Lascoutx asked if the subdivision was two houses. Bob clarified that it is two lots, possibly two houses down the line. The Planning Board decided the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance will be a separate ordinance. Bob is working on that.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean reported that the town received a letter from the Sheriff's Office saying that they are not going to take the duties of county ACO. She ordered the ballots for the June Referendum and School Election. She didn't program the express vote for the June school election, that alone is \$370.00. Ann attended the Midcoast Municipal Association Meeting on Friday in Rockland. She spoke with Jake Miller, The First, regarding the credit card option to pay taxes online (if using a check-routing # and a/c # there would be no charge). Ann talked to Jake about the fire truck loan and he will be coming out with the paperwork on Friday. The background checks on the licenses for the road crew were done. Ann spoke with Brenda Hendrickson today regarding the LED street lights which should be done by July 1. She took a WEBX GL Balancing class. The shredders are coming out Friday. The portable air conditioner that was going to be donated to the Grange had a safety recall. After discussion, she and Priscilla Packard decided to bring it to the dump. She sent the town report and warrant to Jason Pafundi at the Kennebec Journal.

Wesley Daniel stated the town locked in for heating fuel 2017-2018, through Maritime Energy, for \$1.88 through the county bid.

Wesley Daniel stated he spoke with Andy Thompson. They have a gentleman's agreement that he will start clean up as soon as the snow melts.

Wesley Daniel stated he spoke with Mark Day about the Food Bank closing in June. Wesley called to Scott Whittier to see if the VFW would be interested in running it. Cynthia Rosen asked for more details and how many families will be affected. Wesley stated Mark is moving and there is no one that wants to take charge; twenty-seven families will be affected.

Wesley Daniel stated the town received a letter from Efficiency Maine regarding their weatherization program. Wesley contacted Nathaniel Blackford who sent pamphlets to pass out at town meeting. Kit Lascoutx said he will put them at the table along with his information (Town Post, Warming Shelter, and Compressive Plan Survey).

Mildred Melgard, Pat Medieka, and Pricilla Packard were present representing the Grange. Mildred stated they are asking for help with their parking lot. They understand the road will be worked on this summer and asked how that will affect the parking lot; they have a lot of drainage, from the road, and it gets icy and muddy. Everyone in the town uses the parking lot for events, which they do not mind. The Grange would like the town to help in some way. There was some discussion and Mildred stated anything that the town can do would be appreciated.

Cynthia Rosen stated that in relation to when the customer/town gets notified through the mail from Ambit 90 days, 45 days and 2 weeks before the term ends. She, as the consultant, gets notified at the 30-day mark between the 45 and 2 week (4 different times when the town would be alerted about the term, the fixed rate period coming to an end. Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott and Wesley Daniel read, from the Ambit website. Tom stated technically there is a contract and the town could go into a, on the small commercial 6-month at 6.5 variable and under their commercial they have assuming they were not using one of the green packages generally their rates have run 8-8.5 up to .10. On their 12-month commercial Ambit is at 8.5 fixed. The town is buying at .068 through the standard offer through CMP. Cynthia stated small non-residential rate for CMP is 6.69 on the town's bill. Tom agreed. They discussed what was on the Ambit website and what Cynthia was offering. Cynthia stated she will look into why the website is contradictory. Tom explained the town has to budget for a year. Cynthia stated she understands about budgeting for a year but suggested, as a tax payer, the Selectmen look into reconsidering going with Electricity Maine at a lower rate than CMP. Tom stated he will look into the rates and plans and compare. Tom thanked Cynthia for bringing this to their attention, it's always good to look at different options.

## Questions and Comments

Wesley Daniel reminded the Selectmen that the voting booths need to go up tomorrow. Berkley Linscott said he could be here at 10am and Tom Johnston said he'd be here.

Wesley Daniel spoke with Nick Nichols about the window in the library that needs to be replaced. They are Marvin windows and Lapointe, EBS and Hammond supply them. Nick suggested Lapointe come out and look at it to be replaced. One window needs to be replaced and other windows need controller. Tom Johnston moved to have Wesley Daniel call Lapointe EBS to replace the window and order controllers, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Paul Gibbins called Wesley Daniel at home regarding Doe Mill Road; it is going to court and Wesley needs to go.

Kit Lascoux asked if that is a public issue. Tom Johnston stated the firm that Paul Gibbins is a member of the town had some other issues with them so the town has gone with another attorney for the Planning Board and so on. We have kept him for this Doe Mill Road issue because they were involved in it. They had a mitigation that Wesley Daniel went to. It was supposed to be settled then but it didn't get settled, now it's going to court. The issue is 'right of way'.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson